

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: APPARATUS FOR RECEIVING AUDIOVISUAL
5 PROGRAMS*#7
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3/29/02*PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents

10 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of fees,
please enter the following Preliminary Amendment and the
15 accompanying remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

20 Please replace the claims with amended claims 1-9 as follows. A marked up copy of the amended claims is attached herewith.

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1. (Amended) Apparatus for receiving audio-visual
25 programs comprising a circuit for communication with
means of connection to a bi-directional communication
network, wherein the apparatus comprises :
- a first connector of a bus for communication with a
master apparatus, the first connector comprising at
30 least one conductor for the transmission of a supply
voltage originating from the master apparatus,
- at least one second connector of a
communication bus, each second connector allowing the
connection of at least one peripheral,
35 - a splitter connected on the one hand to the
first and second connectors and on the other hand to a
controller managing the mode of operation of the
connectors in relation to the apparatus,
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